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For: USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL-CONTAINING METAL COMPLEXES AS
CONTRAST MEDIA IN MR-IMAGING FOR VISUALIZATION OF
PLAQUE, TUMORS AND NECROSES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1 July 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

51. (Currently Amended) A method for MRI imaging comprising:
administering to a patient an MRI contrast agent, comprising a perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complex that has a critical micelle formation concentration $< 10^{-3}$ mol/l, a hydrodynamic micelle diameter ($2 R_h$) > 1 nm and a proton relaxivity in plasma (R^1) > 10 l/mmol's,

allowing the uptake of contrast agent in tissue,

conducting MRI imaging,